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***GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL BOOK GIVEAWAY HIGHLIGHTED
WITH VISITS TO TOLLESON, TEMPE
Second Year for Expanded Literacy Program***

PHOENIX – Governor Napolitano today distributed copies of *The Unbreakable Code*, the book she selected to give to all Arizona fourth graders this fall, to Sheely Farms Elementary School in Tolleson. The Governor will visit with fourth graders Wednesday at Hudson Elementary School in Tempe.

The Governor's literacy program began giving a book to every first grade student in 2003 and expanded the program to include a book for each fourth grader last year. Roughly 88,000 copies of *The Unbreakable Code* will be distributed to fourth grade students this year.

"Arizona has a very rich and diverse history," Governor Napolitano commented. "This book program is a great opportunity to combine an important literacy effort with a wonderful history lesson and hopefully foster a lifelong love of reading and learning."

A selection committee comprised of educators and librarians recommended *The Unbreakable Code* to Governor Napolitano. The award-winning book is about a young boy and his grandfather, a World War II code talker. As part of their research for the book, author Sara Hoagland Hunter and illustrator Julia Miner spent many hours on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona listening to stories from former code talkers and their families. Both women were able to attend the school event today and share some of the highlights of their research.

HSBC – North America, McDonald's and Arizona Public Service paid for all costs associated with printing and distributing *The Unbreakable Code*. The three corporate sponsors have been part of the fourth grade book program since it started last year.